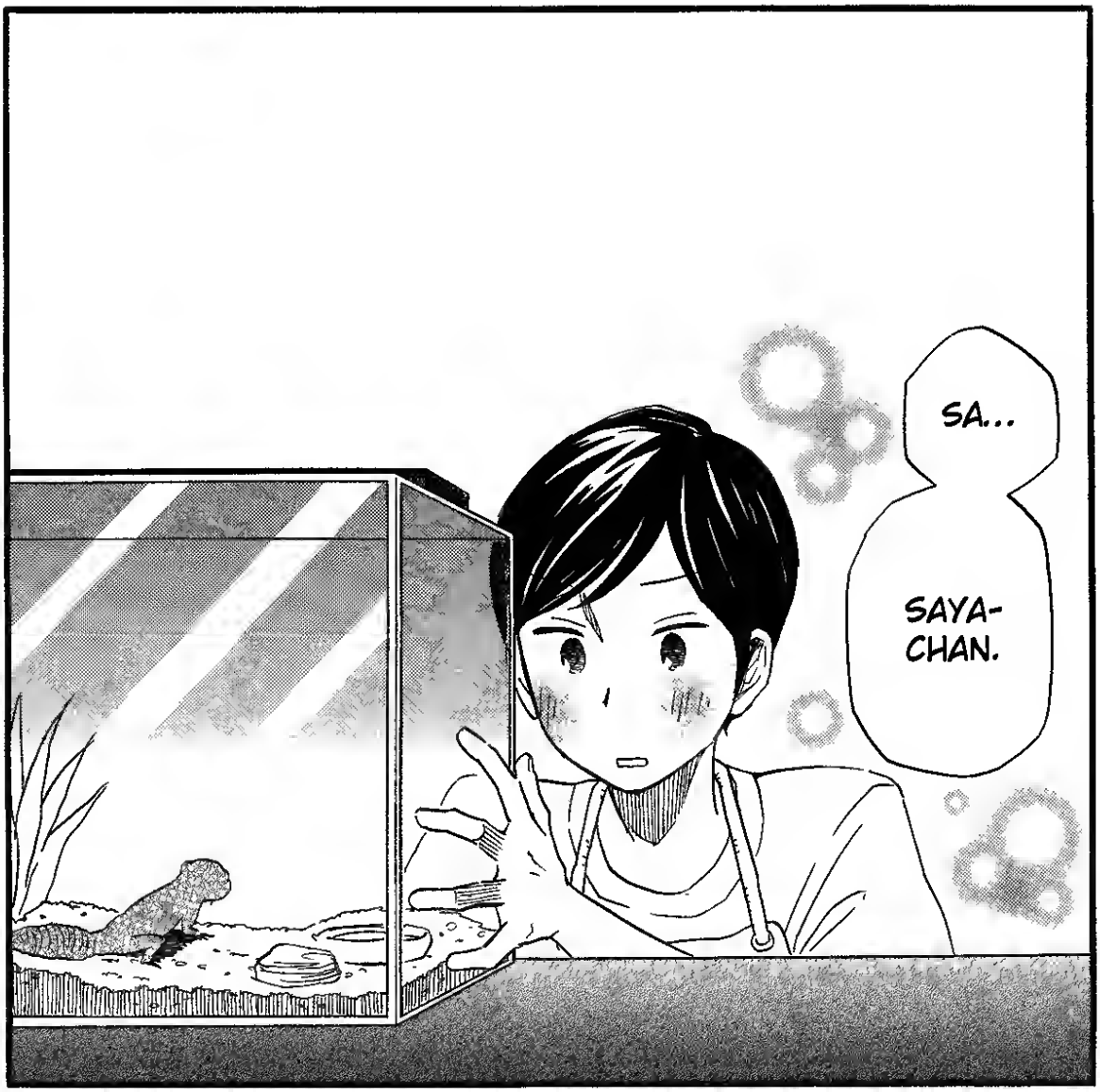
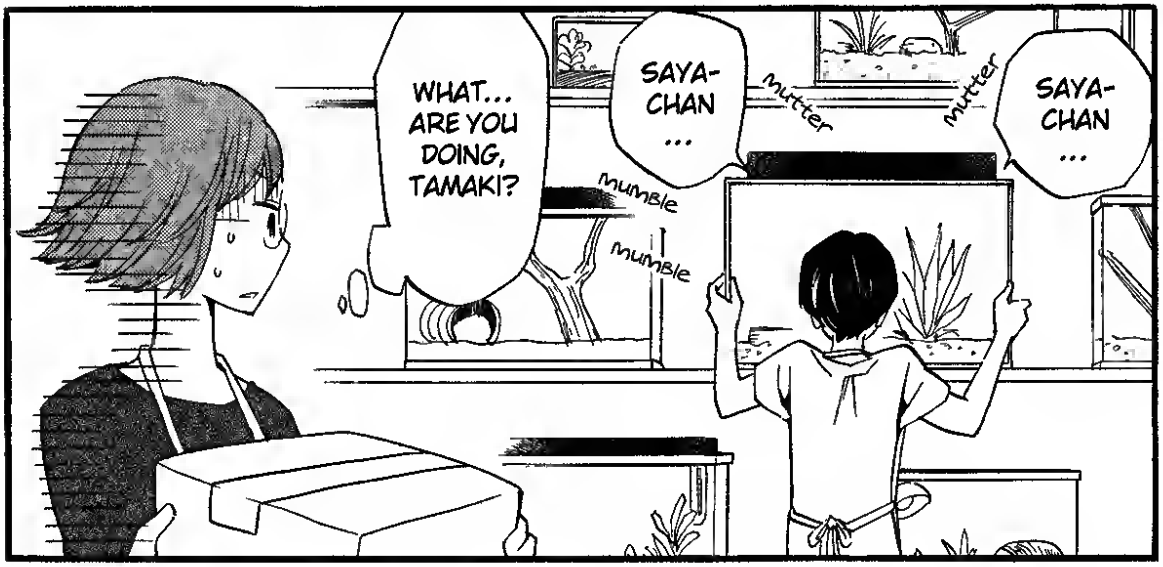
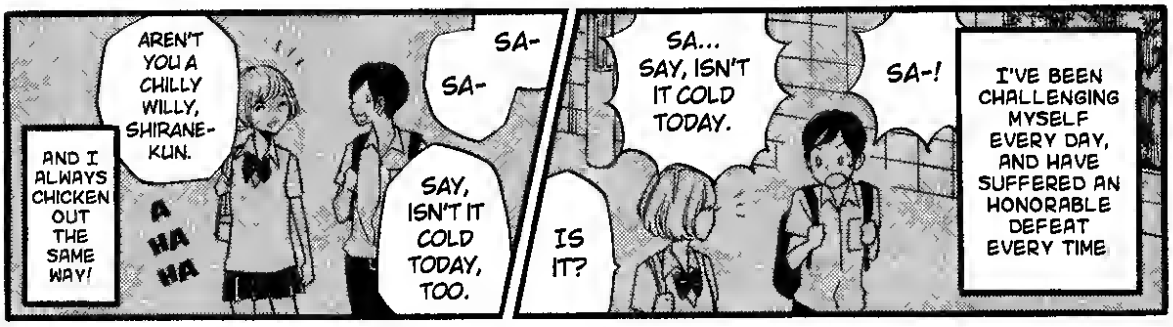
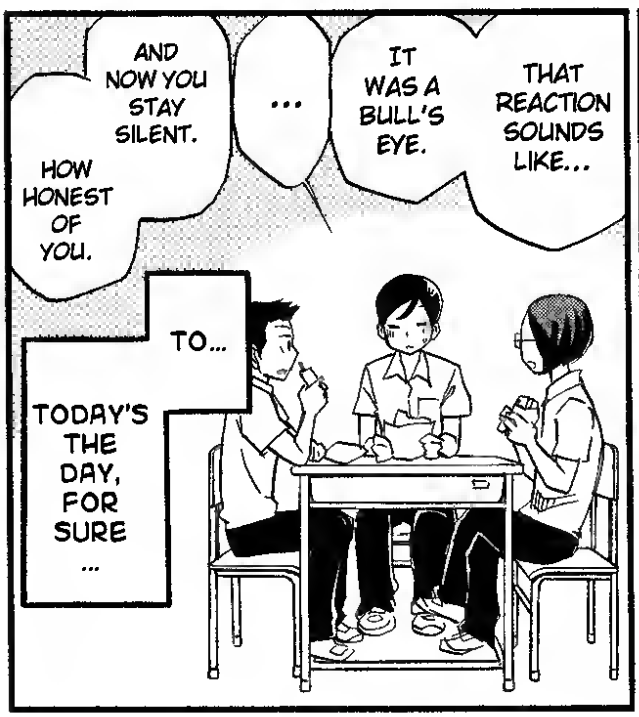
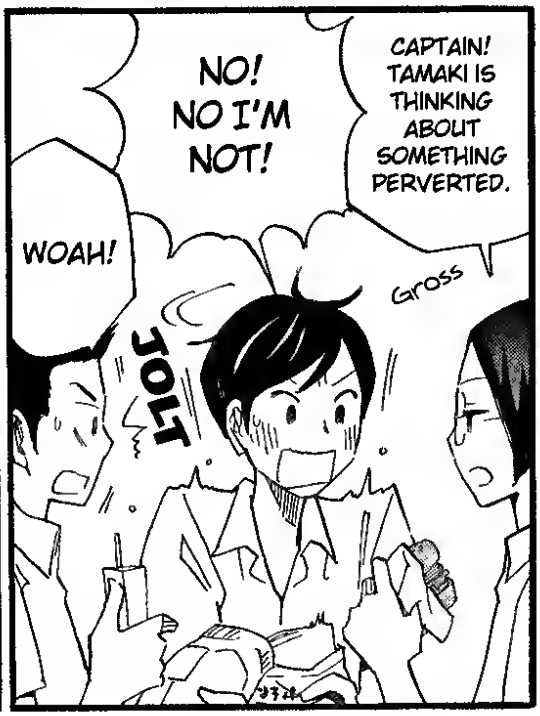

SA...
SAYA-CHAN.


WHAT... ARE YOU DOING, TAMAKI?
SAYA-CHAN ...
mutter
mutter
SAYA-CHAN ...
mumble
mumble

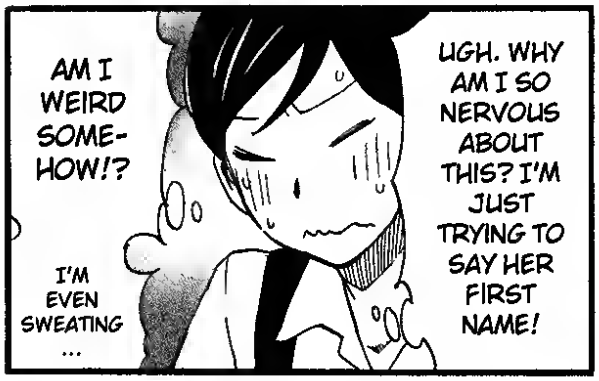
I WILL CALL HER BY HER FIRST NAME!
TODAY, WHEN WE WALK HOME... I'LL SHOW THEM!
TODAY!


AREN'T YOU A CHILLY WILLY, SHIRANE-KUN.
AND I ALWAYS CHICKEN OUT THE SAME WAY!
A HA HA
SA-
SA-
SAY, ISN'T IT COLD TODAY, TOO.
SA... SAY, ISN'T IT COLD TODAY.
IS IT?
SA-!
I'VE BEEN CHALLENGING MYSELF EVERY DAY, AND HAVE SUFFERED AN HONORABLE DEFEAT EVERY TIME

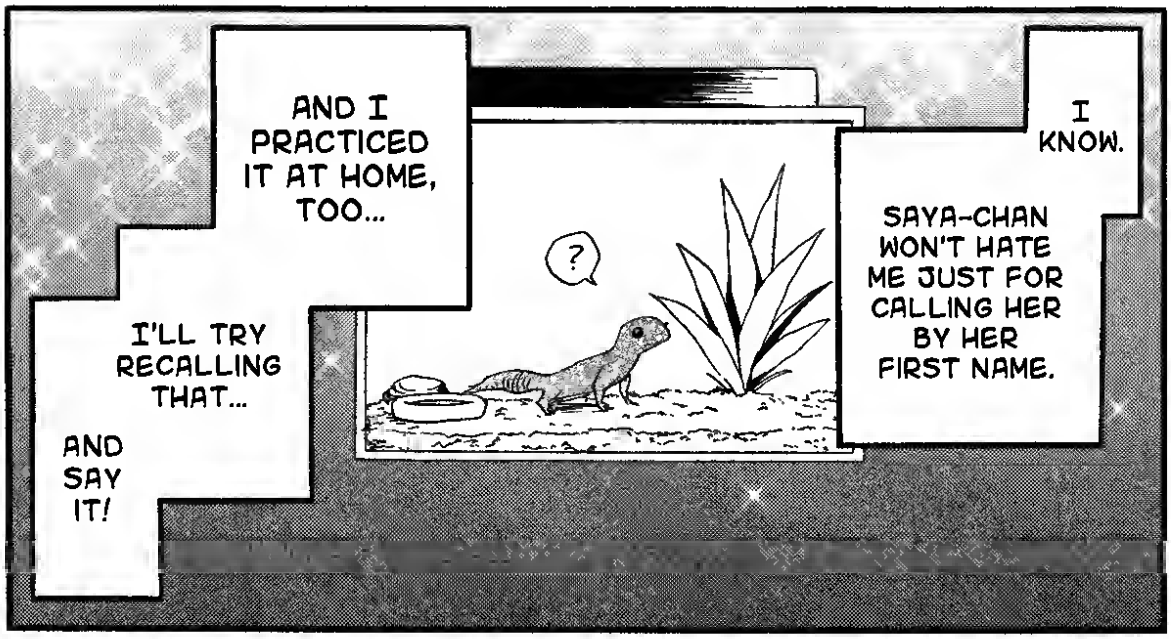

AND NOW YOU STAY SILENT.
HOW HONEST OF YOU.
...
IT WAS A BULL'S EYE.
THAT REACTION SOUNDS LIKE...
TO...
TODAY'S THE DAY, FOR SURE ...

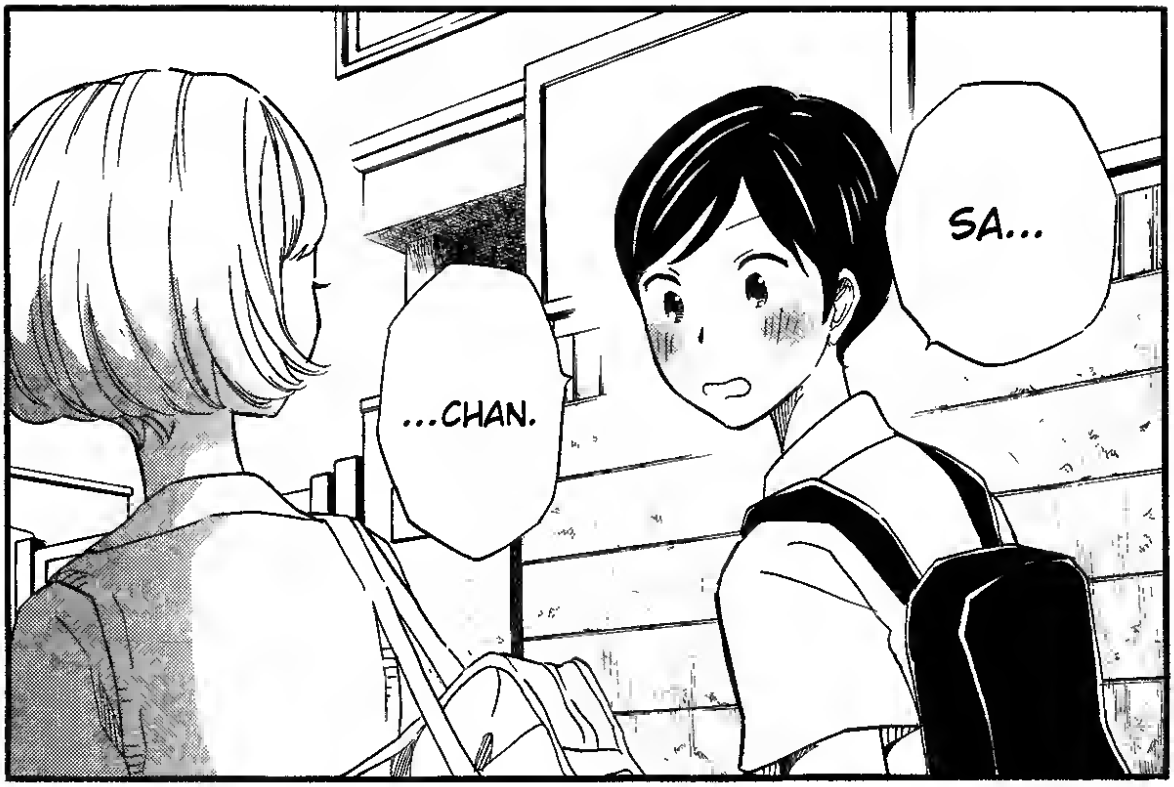

NO! NO I'M NOT!
CAPTAIN! TAMAKI IS THINKING ABOUT SOMETHING PERVERTED.
WOAH!
JOLT
Gross

SA...
SA...
LIM, SA...
GH...

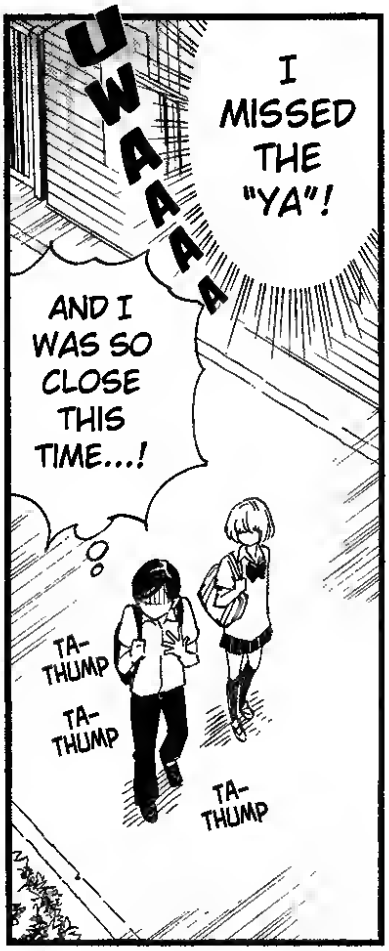

AM I WEIRD SOME-HOW!?
I'M EVEN SWEATING ...
UGH. WHY AM I SO NERVOUS ABOUT THIS? I'M JUST TRYING TO SAY HER FIRST NAME!

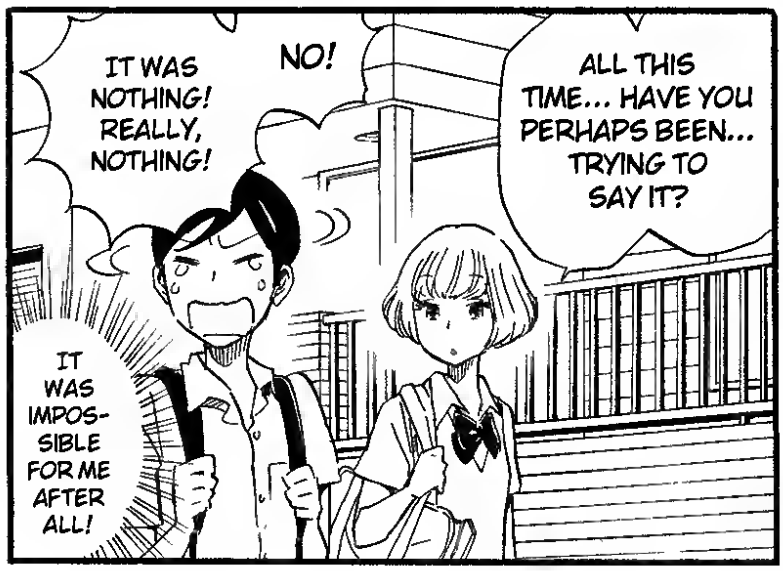
NO!
THAT'S NOT...!
HM?
SHIRANE-KUN, ARE YOU COLD?


AND I PRACTICED IT AT HOME, TOO...
I'LL TRY RECALLING THAT...
AND SAY IT!
?
I KNOW.
SAYA-CHAN WON'T HATE ME JUST FOR CALLING HER BY HER FIRST NAME.

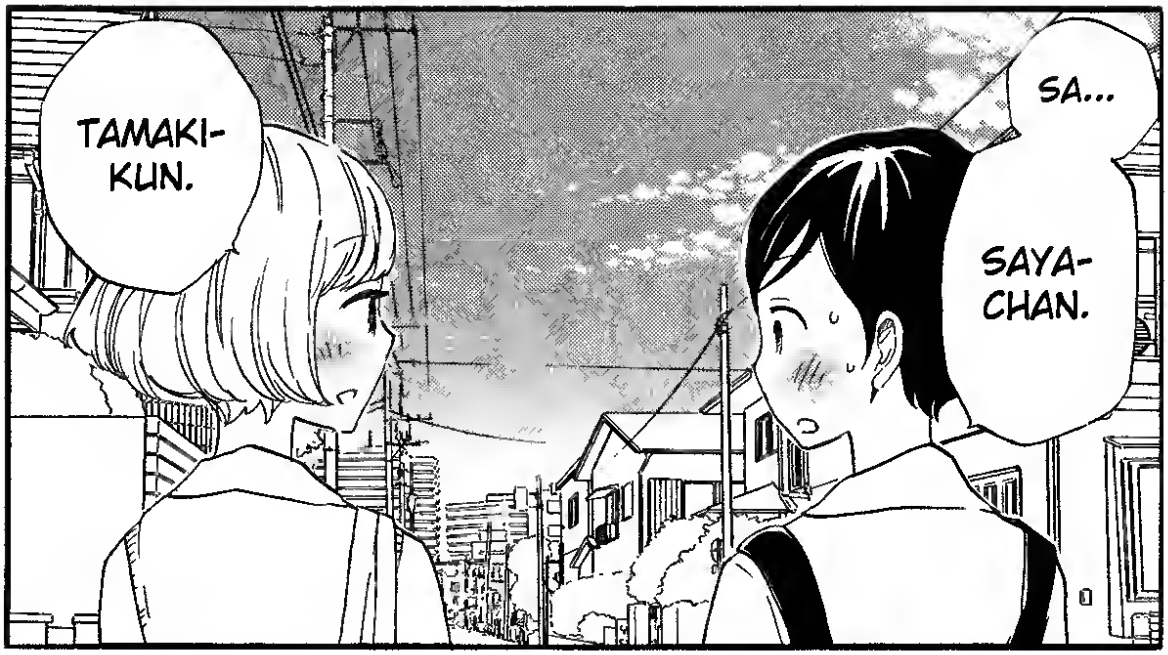

SA...
...CHAN.

SHIRANE-KUN...
...

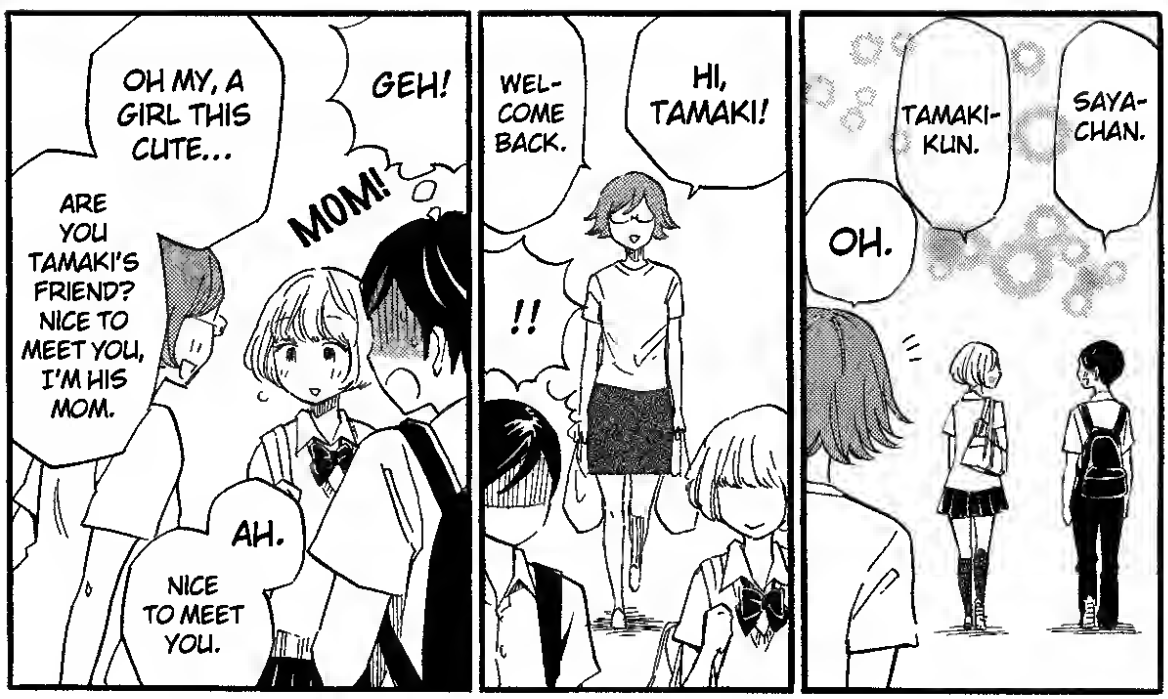

UWAAAA
I MISSED THE "YA"!
AND I WAS SO CLOSE THIS TIME...!
TA-THUMP
TA-THUMP
TA-THUMP

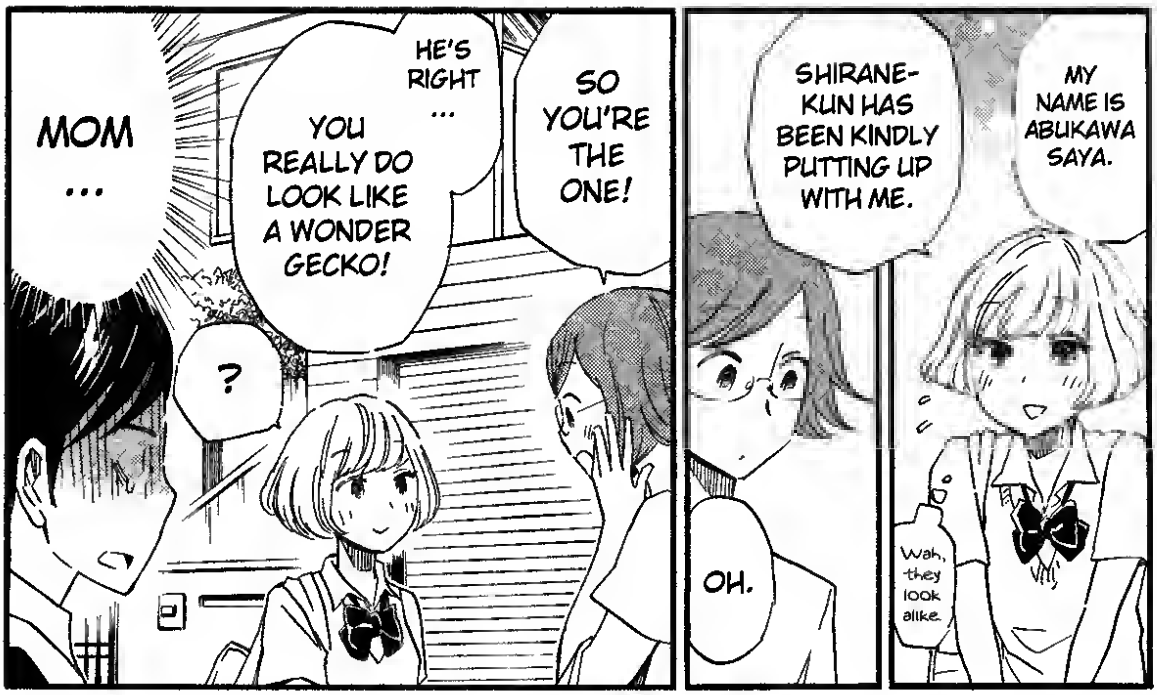

NO!
IT WAS NOTHING! REALLY, NOTHING!
ALL THIS TIME... HAVE YOU PERHAPS BEEN... TRYING TO SAY IT?
IT WAS IMPOS-SIBLE FOR ME AFTER ALL!

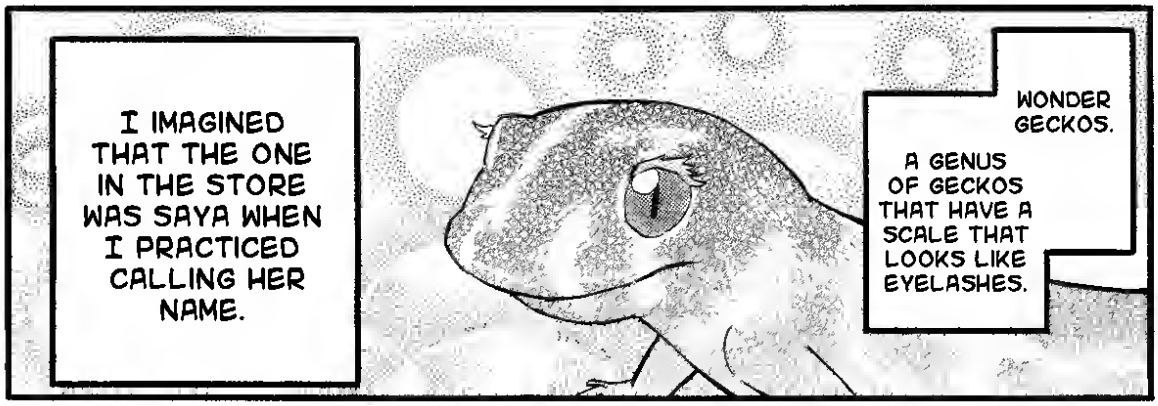
TAMAKI-KUN.
HOW ABOUT I DO IT FIRST?
EH?
Heh.
SWOOON
IT'S DIFFER-ENT.
IT'S COM-PLETELY DIFFER-ENT.
FROM EVERY-THING I'VE HEARD UNTIL NOW.
TAMA-KI!
WASH THIS ONE!
HOWEVER I WAS CALLED UNTIL NOW...
TAMAKI, BOY.
HAVE SOME POCKET MONEY.
THE TONE HAS BEEN COM-PLETELY DIFFER-ENT.
JUST TAMAKI.
DON'T SAY THE "JUST" OUT LOUD.
THIS IS...!

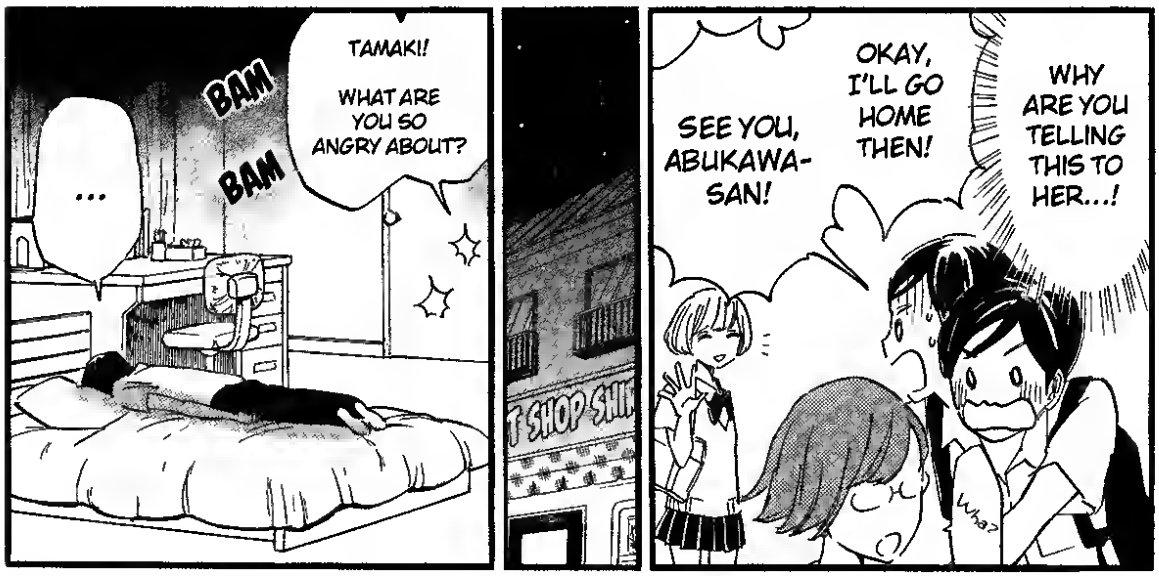

TAMAKI-KUN.
SA...
SAYA-CHAN.

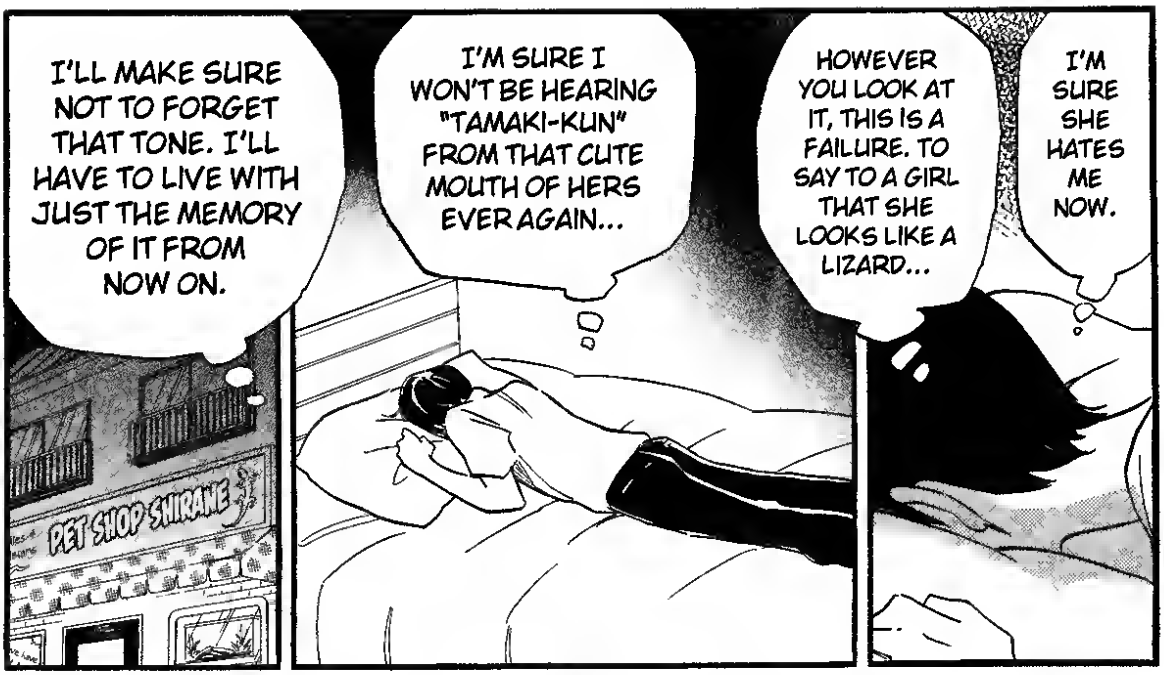
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT, BUT...
IT'S THE BEST!
WOOAH!
THIS FEELING!


OH MY, A GIRL THIS CUTE...
GEH!
MOM!
ARE YOU TAMAKI'S FRIEND? NICE TO MEET YOU, I'M HIS MOM.
AH.
NICE TO MEET YOU.
WEL-COME BACK.
HI, TAMAKI!
!!
TAMAKI-KUN.
SAYA-CHAN.
OH.


MOM ...
?
YOU REALLY DO LOOK LIKE A WONDER GECKO!
HE'S RIGHT ...
SO YOU'RE THE ONE!
SHIRANE-KUN HAS BEEN KINDLY PUTTING UP WITH ME.
MY NAME IS ABUKAWA SAYA.
OH.
Wah, they look alike.

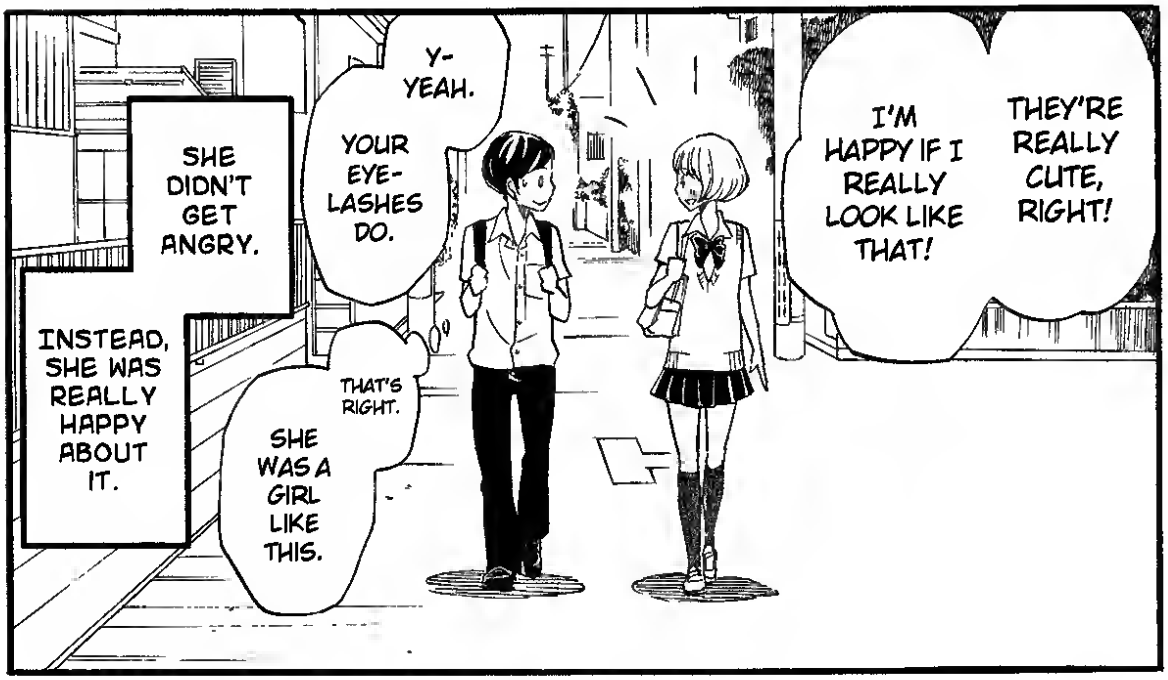

I IMAGINED THAT THE ONE IN THE STORE WAS SAYA WHEN I PRACTICED CALLING HER NAME.
WONDER GECKOS.
A GENUS OF GECKOS THAT HAVE A SCALE THAT LOOKS LIKE EYELASHES.


BAM
BAM
...
TAMAKI!
WHAT ARE YOU SO ANGRY ABOUT?
SEE YOU, ABUKAWA-SAN!
OKAY, I'LL GO HOME THEN!
WHY ARE YOU TELLING THIS TO HER...!
What?


I'LL MAKE SURE NOT TO FORGET THAT TONE. I'LL HAVE TO LIVE WITH JUST THE MEMORY OF IT FROM NOW ON.
PET SHOP SHIRANE
I'M SURE I WON'T BE HEARING "TAMAKI-KUN" FROM THAT CUTE MOUTH OF HERS EVER AGAIN...
HOWEVER YOU LOOK AT IT, THIS IS A FAILURE. TO SAY TO A GIRL THAT SHE LOOKS LIKE A LIZARD...
I'M SURE SHE HATES ME NOW.

NEXT DAY

THE WONDER GECKO.
I LOOKED AT IT IN A PICTURE BOOK.


SHE DIDN'T GET ANGRY.
INSTEAD, SHE WAS REALLY HAPPY ABOUT IT.
Y-YEAH.
YOUR EYE-LASHES DO.
THAT'S RIGHT.
SHE WAS A GIRL LIKE THIS.
I'M HAPPY IF I REALLY LOOK LIKE THAT!
THEY'RE REALLY CUTE, RIGHT!